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Brown pushes Rangers past Yankees, 1-0

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Brown says he pitches against the New York Yankees the same way he pitches against everybody else. Only the results are different.

"I don't do anything special that I know of," Brown said after beating the Yankees for the eighth time in nine career decisions in Texas' 1-0 victory.

Brown (4-1) has a 39-33 lifetime record. But he again stopped the Yankees, allowing two singles in eight innings.

Brown (4-1) outpitched Tim Lary (2-1), who permitted the only run in the second inning on Al Newman's single. Brown gave up hits to Mel Hall in the fourth and Kevin Maas in the seventh, and struck out three and walked three.

Kenny Rogers relieved to start the ninth and gave up a leadoff double to Hall. Jeff Russell took over with two outs and closed for his sixth save.

"It's not an easy decision when a guy's got a two-hit shut out going," Rangers manager Bobby Valentine said. "With those left-handers coming up in the ninth, I wanted a left-hander in there."

The Rangers strung together three hits in the second against Lary. Kevin Reimer singled with one out, moved to third on a single by Ivan Rodriguez and scored when Newman slapped a single to center.

Lary pitched his first complete game since April 19, 1991, allowing seven hits. He struck out two and walked one.

"Kevin Brown's pitched well all year and didn't see us going out and scoring 10 runs," Lary said. "Texas is as tough an offensive team as there is in the major leagues. It's good for me to know that I can go out there against a team like that."

Brown escaped threats in the fourth, fifth and eighth.

In the sixth, Don Mattingly hit a deep drive to right field with a runner on base that was run down by Ruben Sierra.

"That pitch was a mistake, I'm glad I got away with it," Brown said.

For his part, Mattingly didn't think it was home run.

"I knew I hit it pretty good, but I knew it didn't click it, too," Mattingly said.

New York shuts out first-place Houston

Cone comes close to Mets' first no-hitter

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cone pitched 7 1-3 hitless innings before pinch-hitter Benny Distefano reached on an infield single as the New York Mets defeated the Houston Astros 4-0 Tuesday night.

Cone finished with a two-hitter and yet another chapter in the Mets coming close to a no-hitter.

The team has had 20 no-hitters since joining the National League in 1962, including five by Tom Seaver. The Mets have now gone 4,816 games without a no-hitter, however.

Cone had flirted with no-hitters before. Last Sept. 20, he held St. Louis hitless for seven innings before Felix Jose doubled in the eighth.

After Casey Candaele grounded to first leading off the eighth, Cone walked Ed Taubensee. Distefano, pinch hitting for reliever Rob Murphy, then poked a slow grounder down the third-base line for his first major league hit since 1989.

Third baseman Dave Magadan waited to see if the ball would go foul. When the ball reached the

bag he picked it up and threw to first — much too late to get Distefano. Distefano, born in Brooklyn, was recalled from Triple-A Tucson on April 24.

Cone (2-1) then walked Eric Anthony to load the bases, but struck out the next two batters. Cone finished with 11 strikeouts and four walks. Jeff Bagwell reached on another infield single leading off the ninth for the only other hit.

With one out in the seventh, right fielder Bobby Bonilla made a spectacular diving head-first catch to snare Luis Gonzalez's looping liner, saving the no-hit bid.

Cone, 29, fanned the side in the second inning, including Taubensee for his 1,000th career strikeout.

Eddie Murray provided Cone all the runs he needed with a two-run double in the first inning and a bases-loaded two-run single in the fifth off loser Butch Karier (0-2).

On June 19, 1988, Cone pitched 7 2-3 hitless innings against Philadelphia before Steve Jeltz broke it up with a single.



A&M cycling team grabs title

Special to the Battalion

The Texas A&M cycling team sped past the University of Texas and the University of Texas at Austin to win the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference championship in Wichita Falls last weekend.

Seventeen men and two women raced in the three-part race which was composed of an 8.4-mile time trial, a 70-mile road race, and a criterium race with a 1.4-mile circuit.

"The criterium was fast," said team member Rey Trevino. "There was a long straightaway for sprints just before the finish line."

Pat McGrath, a senior from Ar-

lington, finished the criterium in first place, chased by riders from the University of North Texas and the University of Texas at Austin.

Despite four wrecks which involved A&M cyclists, the Aggie team dominated the race.

"We have a strong, cohesive team. We hope to recruit more women for next year's team and want to be as successful as we were this year," said Kurt Sauer, senior computer science major.

Its first place conference standing assured a place for A&M at the National Collegiate Cycling Championship.

The A&M cycling team will send six of its top riders to compete in Rome, Georgia, during May 15-17.

Conner wins third straight

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dennis Conner pulled yet another rabbit out of his year-old Stars & Stripes on Tuesday and evened the best-of-13 defender finals with Bill Koch's America3 (America Cubed) at 4-4.

Stars & Stripes, battered in the first three races of the finals, has come roaring back in the light, shifty wind that Conner has mastered.

Stars & Stripes beat America3 by 1 minute, 47 seconds for its third straight victory and fourth in the last five races. Stars & Stripes has led America3 at every turning mark in each of its victories.

No one but perhaps the weatherer man could have guessed that

Conner, a San Diego native, could make this comeback.

"I know that Bill has plans that he'd like to get on with as soon as he could disperse with us, so I propose that we just let it go (Wednesday) and go for the one-on-one," Conner joked.

"I'll consider that depending upon the wind conditions," Koch said.

"In the first three races we walked away from him, and he was in lumpy seas and higher winds," Koch said. "So he knows he's vulnerable when the wind picks up. The rumor we've heard is that he doesn't check the weather anymore, he checks the surface reports."

Baylor splits two with UT

WACO, Texas (AP) — Chris Abbe hit a pair of homers in a 9-0 victory over Baylor Tuesday, then added another in a 3-2 nightcap loss.

The Southwest Conference champion Longhorns improved to 39-11 overall and 26-7 in league play. Baylor fell to 29-23 and 17-16.

In the nightcap, Baylor's David Elsbernd went six strong innings to raise his record to 8-1. He allowed four hits, walked five and struck out four.

After the Longhorns went up 1-0 on Abbe's third homer of the day, the Bears used RBI singles from Ray Hammond and Jason Marshall to take the lead for good 2-1.

Jay Vaught (6-2) was the loser for Texas in three innings of work.

Abbe is the first Longhorn to hit three homers in one day since David Denny did it back in 1982.

Holt comes off bench to make clutch hits

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"Brian was kind of pressing a little bit," Holt said. "Coach was just trying to do something different, and it just so happened that I got a couple of clutch hits here and there."

"Brian's a great player, and we complement each other very well. Early in the year he was starting, and I was coming in to play defense and just having to do whatever I can to help the team win."

Johnson never doubted Holt's ability with the glove, but there have been some problems with his hitting. Until now.

"He's been our defensive guy since he's been here," Johnson said. "He's one of the best defensive outfielders in the country, no question about that."



Holt

"Offensively, he's always been a little bit short, but he's done a good job."

Hitting balls in practice does not compare to facing a pitcher during a game. Holt just wanted a chance to show what he could do at the plate in a game situation.

"We get our cuts in practice, but it's nothing like seeing live pitches in the game," Holt said. "You get in a flow when you get out there, and you get to see a pitcher a couple of times and get some more cuts."

After staying in the starting lineup as long as Holt did, it was frustrating for him to sit on the bench and watch everyone else play.

"I wouldn't say I was down, but I was a little disappointed," he said. "Nobody likes sitting on the bench. But since I've been here, I've been a starter before. And once you start, and then you have to sit down again — it's not fun."

But the senior kept a philosophical outlook.

"You can only play nine people at a time, and somebody has to sit," he said. "When I had my turn

to get in the game, I just did what I could to contribute to the team."

Holt thinks his contribution is an important one, but he does consider himself the sole catalyst for the Aggie offense.

"I don't know if it is just me that has provided the spark," he said. "But once you get a couple of hits in the game, people get excited and want to follow it up."

"Any time anyone gets a hit, it sparks the team."

Despite the team's recent problems with the bats, Holt thinks the Aggies are starting to come around on offense.

"At the beginning of the year we were pretty inconsistent with the bats," Holt said. "But now we've changed some things around, and we're getting some hits. We're hitting better collectively as a team right now. It's just that in certain situations we need a clutch hit, and we haven't come through."

While the team has not always contributed the hits when they need them most, Holt has shown the potential to come through in the clutch.

Cowboys deny impropriety

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violation of league policy."

The newspaper did not identify the complaining teams.

The Cowboys were the only team able to reach immediate deals with their first-round picks, the NFL office said. The Indianapolis Colts were able to negotiate prior to the draft since they had the first two picks in the first round.

Any violation of NFL policy could cause the Cowboys to lose future draft picks, although there is no specific penalty under league guidelines.

Team owner Jerry Jones said he is certain Dallas did not violate the rules when it reached contract agreements while announcing the drafting of its two first-round picks, Kevin Smith and Robert Jones.

"It was looked into last year, and they found we did nothing wrong," he said.

The Cowboys came to instant agreements in 1991 with both of their first-round picks, Russell Maryland and Alvin Harper.

"And this year, were even more careful to adhere to the rules," said Jones.

A league rule restricting teams from discussing contract specifics with players before the draft was passed in 1990 when the Chicago Bears reached a pre-draft agreement with first-round pick Mark Carrier.

"No club can make a specific contract offer to a player or his representative to sign a player to a specific contract or other agreement prior to actually selecting the player in the draft," reads the rule, outlined in a memo sent to all teams April 15.

However, teams are allowed to discuss signing prospects and salary range while they are "on the clock" and making their decision.

"The range doesn't have to be very broad," said Jones. "It can be pretty succinct. We don't discuss several aspects of the contract."

Smith's agent, Steve Zucker, said the actual contract wasn't completed until Monday.

"There was nothing wrong with the way it was handled," he said.

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faced one of the most aggressive defenses in the nation, he folded under the pressure and left the field with two - count 'em two - dislocated shoulders?

When nominations for college football's postseason awards came out this year, it seemed as though the rest of the nation had not seen the same Ty Detmer that the Aggie fans saw that warm, December night in San Diego. After we learned that Ty wasn't so great after all, he was still nominated for the O'Brien Award and the Heisman Trophy. How could that possibly happen?

Maybe it was just with all the soil on his jersey, coupled with his body being hidden somewhere between Quentin Coryatt, William Thomas and the ground, that the rest of the nation couldn't read his number and tell that it actually was Detmer under all that mess.

Just think, Ty, if you would have kept your big mouth shut, you might have been spared the

wrath of the Aggie defense, and you would still be the entire nation's hero! Not only that, but with no college injuries, you've got to figure someone would have at least drafted you by No. 229!

And another thing, Ty. As if it weren't bad enough that A&M quarterback Bucky Richardson showed you up by taking Offensive MVP honors in San Diego, he was also picked ten spots higher than you in the draft. Not bad for someone who is not considered to be a pro-style quarterback.

Kind of teaches us that old lesson of never counting out your opponent before the fight begins, huh?

And now, when ol' Ty looks at all the things he has in his life — reduced fame, a drastic drop in professional value and a third-string quarterback job which will consist mainly of holding a clipboard every Sunday — he can have the Aggie defense to thank.

I'm sure that's just how Mr. Coryatt and Mr. Thomas would want it.